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Early voting starts later in Ohio this year

Opinions vary over new policy for pre-election ballots

By **Kathryne Rubright**
Pulse Editor

Ohio's early voting period is one week shorter this year, and it's not yet clear what effect, if any, the change will have.

Previously, early voting started 35 days before Election Day. This year it started 28 days before the Nov. 4 election,

On Feb. 21, 2014, Gov. John Kasich signed Senate Bill 238, which eliminated the first week of early voting, The Toledo Blade reported. Originally, the first week was different than the rest of the early voting period because it fell before the voting registration deadline. Therefore, it was the only week during which people could register and then immediately vote.

After a lawsuit, U.S. District Judge Peter Economus issued a preliminary injunction against the bill, The Blade reported. This would have prevented the early voting period from being shortened. The injunction was upheld by a three-judge panel from the U.S. Sixth District Court of Appeals.

Secretary of State Jon Husted requested a stay [suspension of a lawsuit] from the U.S. Supreme Court, The Washington Post reported. In a 5-4 decision, the stay was granted, with conservative justices in favor of it.

Matthew Reger, Wood County Republican Party chair, doesn't think the shorter early voting period will affect voter turnout.

"Early voting is so easy in Ohio," he said.

He contrasted Ohio with Bosnia-Herzegovina, where he monitored an election on Oct. 12.

"They had one day to vote, from 7 in the morning to 7 at night," he said.

Early voting began Oct. 7 and continues through Nov. 3, according to the Wood County Board of Elections [WCBOE] website.

College Republicans President Nick Detz doesn't expect a difference either. Detz is from Pennsylvania, which has absentee voting by mail, but where all in-person voting happens on Election

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Unaffected by an Epidemic

University students participate in mission in Liberia before outbreak

By **Audrey Quinn**
Reporter

The Ebola outbreak this past summer in Western Africa may seem like a world away from Bowling Green, but for University students Madison Young and Davin Fumich, the epidemic hits a little closer to home.

This past summer, from June 17 to July 3, Young and Fumich, along with seven other college-aged students from northwest Ohio, went on a mission trip to Liberia to strengthen bonds between the locals and their faith, as well as to provide school supplies to local children.

Their mission trip coincided with the rise of Ebola in western Africa, which has killed 2,414 people in Liberia as of Oct. 21, according to ebolainliberia.org.

While Ebola has been in Liberia for several months, Grand Bassa County, where Young and Fumich worked, remained unaffected by the outbreak during their trip.

The slow spread of the virus can be explained in part by the travel habits of Liberians.

"I had experience being there and knew the

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UNIVERSITY STUDENTS Madison Young (pictured left) and Davin Fumich (pictured right) went to Liberia over the summer for a mission trip. They worked with native Liberian school children to help provide them with school supplies.



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WHAT'S YOUR TOMORROW?



SHEILA HOEGLER | THE BG NEWS
THE CENTER for Leadership leads a discussion about what students are passionate about in room 208 of the Union.

Ebola unlikely to reach Bowling Green, University Disease hard to catch, plans in place in event of outbreak in Wood County area

By **Kathryne Rubright**
Pulse Editor

In light of Ebola cases elsewhere in the country, Wood County officials have been planning for a local response.

The Wood County Health District [WCHD] has daily conference calls with the Ohio Department of Health, said Jennifer Wagner, Wood County health educator. The WCHD has also talked with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and local EMS personnel. Wood County Health Commissioner Ben Batey met with U.S. Representative Bob Latta to discuss Ohio's preparation.

The WCHD's role is to educate the public and make sure the appropriate people have the proper training and equipment, Wagner said. The WCHD does not provide equipment to people such as EMS crews, but it makes sure they know what equipment is necessary.

If there was an Ebola case in

Wood County, the WCHD would be responsible for "contact tracing" [figuring out who came into contact with the patient] and monitoring those contacts, Wagner said.

Ebola patients would not be treated at Wood County Hospital, said Mike Lemon, medical director of the WCHD.

"The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] has made it clear they are going to nationalize treatment of identified Ebola patients," Lemon said.

This means patients would only be at the Wood County Hospital for testing, which would take a few hours, Lemon said. During that time, the patient would be isolated. The patient would then be transported to a hospital better equipped to handle Ebola.

Emory University Hospital, Nebraska Medical Center and the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center have treated

patients without any employees contracting Ebola, according to the CDC.

Ebola doesn't spread easily, said Karen Johnson-Webb, an associate professor at the University who teaches a geography class about global pestilence and plagues. A person must come in contact with the bodily fluids of an infected person, or with an item saturated in bodily fluids.

"You have to be in the trenches with the person," she said.

Because Ebola is not easily contracted, people shouldn't be too concerned about it, Johnson-Webb said. Still, there is some fear.

"Most people who get it die," Johnson-Webb said. "That's why it's terrifying."

There is no proven treatment, but some potential treatments including vaccines are being tested, according to the World

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FALCONS TAKE TO COLUMBUS

The BG men's soccer team will begin a three game road trip at Ohio State Wednesday. The Buckeyes are ranked 27th in the NCAA. | **PAGE 3**



PARENTS MEET TEACHER

Columnist Phil Schurrer talks about how parent-teacher conferences at the college level can be used to benefit both students and their families. He says the impact could positively affect universities. | **PAGE**

WHY DO YOU THINK EARLY VOTING IS IMPORTANT?



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Steve Wahl
Freshman, Exercise Science

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SUN., OCT. 19

12:02 A.M.
Karolyn Mae Frangos, 18, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage possession of alcohol within the 200 block of Clough St.

12:11 A.M.
Charles W. Lazzaro, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct/nuisance party within the 300 block of E. Reed Ave.

12:14 A.M.
Kendall Kay Weber, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for open container near South College Drive and Clough Street.

12:24 A.M.
Marissa Lynn Presnell, 19, of Temperance, Mich., was cited for open container and underage/under the influence near South College Drive and Clough Street.

12:32 A.M.
Michael B. Knittle, 44, of Huron, was cited for open container near Biddle and Clough Streets.

12:37 A.M.
Lucas Melvin Diver, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for nuisance party within the 200 block of S. Mercer Rd.

1:22 A.M.
Trisha Lynn Covert, 20, of Fremont, and Anastasia Monique Luberda, 19, of Fremont, were both cited for disorderly conduct/urinating near Lot 4 downtown.

2:41 A.M.
Derik R. Ross, 25, of Norwalk, was cited for disorderly conduct/fighting within the 100 block of N. Main St.

2:44 A.M.
Daniel L. Banachowski, 24, of Holland, was cited for disorderly conduct/urinating in public within the 100 block of N. Main St.

2:47 A.M.
Abdullah Ali-Fahad Alnassar, 27, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Shane Michael Copeland, 33, of Bowling Green, were both cited for disorderly conduct/fighting within the 100 block of N. Main St.

3:15 A.M.
August M. Golinski, 27, of Seven Hills, was arrested for criminal trespass within the 100 block of E. Evers Ave. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

3:56 A.M.
Oscar Santiago Gonzalez, 21, of McClure, was cited for criminal damaging within the 1500 block of Clough St.

MON., OCT. 20

8:11 A.M.
Complainant reported the theft of a book bag near Lot 4 downtown.

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PRSSA goes to Washington, D.C. for workshops
Students meet public relations officials, tour White House press room

By Corey Maxwell
Reporter

Members of the University's Public Relations Student Society of America attended the PRSSA 2014 National Conference in Washington, D.C. during fall break.

The PRSSA members participated in public relations workshops and listened to guest speakers while in D.C.

"As part of the conference, they assigned each student with a site visit so everybody went to a different location," said Julie Hagenbuch, program adviser for PRSSA. "Alexis Martinez got to go to the Pentagon and got to see their PR staff as part of the conference."

Lucas Stall, chapter president of PRSSA, attended a luncheon for all the chapter presidents participating in the conference.

"We had a public relations agent from General Motors," Stall said. "She was an incredibly interesting speaker who was very inspiring. She talked

about how all agents working now started as student interns, which was cool to hear."

In addition to the conference, the group took a tour of the White House press room, thanks to Jackie Calmes, a former White House correspondent for the New York Times.

"When Jackie Calmes was on campus in April, I asked her if there was any chance we could take a press room tour," Hagenbuch said.

Calmes, a Toledo native, visited the University this past spring and gave a speech titled "Inside the White House Press Corps."

"It was an unbelievable experience," Hagenbuch said. "To literally be able to walk up to the White House and just go in and be a part of that culture was surreal."

As an added bonus, the group went with the press corps to a press briefing and watched President Obama take off in Marine One, the president's helicopter.

"People were tak-

ing pictures of us thinking we were important," Hagenbuch said with a laugh. "It was crazy."

The trip was funded by the student budget review committee as part of the Office of Campus Activities.

"We are so grateful for the money because money is tight and they funded our trip and we really want to acknowledge and thank them for it," Hagenbuch said.

Stall was grateful for the opportunity to attend the conference and visit the White House, he said.

"D.C. was amazing," Stall said. "Being able to go into the White House is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I hope I'll be able to take part in again, along with other PRSSA members in the future."

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BG men's soccer team begins three-game road trip at 27th-ranked Ohio State Wednesday

By Brandon Shrider
Assistant Sports Editor

After beginning Mid-American Conference play with two losses, the BG men's soccer team gets a break from conference play in a mid-week road match tonight at 7 p.m. in Columbus.

After a double-overtime tie last season, the Falcons will take on Ohio State with hopes of getting back to their game style.

"We just have to get back to playing soccer, making sure we're playing BG soccer," said sophomore Pat Flynn.

A tough test awaits the Falcons, however, as the Buckeyes come in ranked 27th in the NCAA rankings.

"We know we can play with any team in the country," said redshirt sophomore Ryan Heuton. "We're just going to keep trying to get better so we can start winning those big games."

The Falcons have relied on solid defense in recent weeks, bringing seven shutouts on the season to the match Wednesday.

However, shutout just four times this season, the Ohio State attack will be sure to challenge the stout Falcon defense for 90 minutes.

"Not to say we're where we want to be defensively, but I think we're defending really well," said head coach Eric Nichols. "If there is one thing that I want to continue, it's our defending, and we hit on those aspects every day."

While BG will look to continue its strong defensive play, the team understands it must find a way to break its offensive woes and put balls in the net.

Having scored just four goals in the past six games, the Falcons are scoring at a much slower pace than earlier in the season when the team put away 19 goals in their first six games.

This struggle has started to affect the Falcons' strikers.

"As goal scorers, you have to try to forget about it but you think about it at times," Flynn said. "We just have to focus a little more in front of the net and try to put the next one away."

Despite the Falcons' recent struggles, the team has been able to put together a historic season to date.

The 9-3-1 record through the first 13 games is the Falcons' best start to a season since the 10-2-1 start during the 1995 season.

With nine wins already, they have accumulated the most wins in a season since the 2000 season. A win against Ohio State would give Bowling Green their first 10-win season in more than 15 years.

This historic run will not help the Falcons moving forward, however.

Instead, Bowling Green must focus on playing their defensive style while converting their goal opportunities, much the same way as they did during the season's opening stretch.

The team is confident they can do this moving forward as they look to get back on track out of conference.

"If we keep them out of the net," Heuton said, "we know our offense will eventually get the goals."

BG football fans have no reason to panic following loss

Western Michigan defeat causes little harm to Falcons' season as they look to use 16-day break to rebound

By Cameron Teague Robinson
Editor-in-Chief



Cameron Teague Robinson
Editor-in-Chief

It has been a roller coaster season for the BG football team this year. People may be in panic mode after last Saturday's 26-14 loss to Western Michigan.

Somebody must say it, so I will—don't panic. Now is not the time to panic. Yes, last weekend's loss to Western Michigan was a bad home loss and yes, the so called "Falcon Fast" offense was halted, but there is still plenty of football to play.

For some reason, fans have short-term memory when it comes to what their expectations were when the schedule came out in February.

If somebody were to tell me the Falcons would enter Mid-American Conference play with two losses, with a new quarterback and with D.J. Lynch missing a month of football and Ryland Ward sitting out two weeks, I would have been shocked.

Now, while the loss this weekend is hard to justify, there are two good things that came from it.

First is that the Falcons got their first MAC loss out of their system before their 16-day break. Although every loss is tough to swallow, this one is a bit easier because the Broncos are in the MAC West Division and it does not affect their run to Detroit.

The second positive is that Ohio University defeated the University of Akron Saturday. Akron seems to be the only formidable MAC East team that could take the Falcons' MAC Championship spot.

Akron's loss makes them 2-1 in the MAC East and knocks them down to second place behind the 3-0 Falcons.

Now, why do I say not to panic? Easy, because all roads lead to Akron on Nov. 4 when the Falcons will play the Zips. No matter what you are told, this is not just another game. The winner of that game will more than

likely be the MAC East Champion.

It's hard to think that an early November game can determine the MAC East Champion, but when you look at the remaining schedule for the Falcons, it can.

They will host Kent State after they play Akron and that will be the last MAC East team they play. With that, a win at Akron is a huge game for the Falcons if they want to decide their own fate.

Their fate is in their own hands right now and despite the loss to Western Michigan, they have improved in many facets.

I'm sure many of you remember the first five games of the season, when the defense was unbearably hard to watch. It got to the point where we would just hope to have the ball last.

That same defense is getting healthy and in the past 10 quarters, they have resembled the BG defense we all expected to see this season. They are tackling in space better and they have put more pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

It's time for the offense to help the team now. The offense has visibly struggled in the past two games, but I don't expect that to last much longer.

The Falcons have 16 days to heal and figure out their offense. This 16-day break is coming at a perfect time.

Expect the Falcons to put a full game together offensively and defensively against Akron.

I advise you not to hop off the bandwagon just yet, because if the Falcons beat Akron like I expect them to, there won't be much room on it to catch a ride to Detroit on Dec. 7.

Cross country uses pre-nationals to prepare for MAC Championships



PAIGE APKARIAN | THE BG NEWS

A WOMEN'S cross country runner competes in the Mel Brodt Collegiate Invitational held in Bowling Green earlier this season.

By Jamar Dunson
Reporter

BG's women's cross country team, led by junior Becca Rae, finished in the top ten at the Indiana State Pre-Nationals.

Out of the 35 competing teams, the Falcons came in seventh place and finished first out of the five teams from the Mid-American Conference. Those schools were Central Michigan, Kent State, Akron and Ohio.

In the women's 6,000 meter, Rae came in 24th out of 214 runners, finishing with a time of 22:15.8. Her placement was an improvement over last year, when she came in 97th place.

"Becca took a nice step today running almost 30 seconds faster than last year with very challenging course conditions," head coach Lou Snelling said. "Team-wise we accomplished a lot of our goals for the meet. But realistically missed

the opportunity to be top three. In two weeks we have an opportunity, but will have to come together as a team to make it happen."

Redshirt sophomore Mackenzie McMillin finished in 44th place, setting a new personal best time of 22:43.8.

"Individually the race did not go exactly as I would have hoped," McMillin said. "But for the conditions and for our first 6k of the season, it was a solid day."

McMillin said the team came together well to finish first out of the MAC schools at the meet.

"So that is a definite positive and builds our confidence going into the MAC in two weeks," she said.

In the men's race, the Falcons finished in 27th place out of 28 spots. Freshman Kohl Taberner led the Falcons with a time of 26:43.8, finishing first for the Falcons. This was his second race finishing first for his team.

Along with Taberner, redshirt freshman Travis Jex, redshirt senior Greg Black, redshirt freshman Nathan Kuck and junior Jeremy Richard all made the top five positions for the Falcons.

"Our men competed well with each other," said assistant coach Eric Thatcher. "With six of our eight experiencing their second 8k, this race provided us with many teachable moments."

Despite the place the team finished in, Thatcher looks forward to the team improving in the MAC championships meet.

"We look forward to the championship meets in the next month at MAC and the Great Lakes region," Thatcher said. "We look forward to the opportunity to turn our current fitness into favorable results."

This was the last race for both teams before they travel to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, for the MAC Championship meet on Nov. 1.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET Why do you think early voting is important?



TYLER JONES
Senior,
Apparel Merchandise & Product Development

"Because it allows voters to keep their views and not have something interfere with their views."



CAROLINE TINSLY
Freshman,
Undecided

"To make sure you're going to get your vote in if you're not able to vote on election day."



TYLER DECUZZI
Freshman,
Aviation

"Early voting is important because it shows the direction the country is going."



EDDIE LAGUCKI
Sophomore,
Health Care Administration

"So everyone has a chance to vote because not everyone can vote at the same time."

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Parent-teacher conferences at college level beneficial, should be initiated

Those who experienced parent-teacher conferences in the primary or secondary grades may cringe at recalling such meetings, especially if he or she was the “student” in the triad list of attendees. Nevertheless, why not conduct them during the college years? We already have the framework available: the Falcon Family Weekend each year in September. The same event could be replicated in the spring and time could be set aside at each event for parents or guardians and students to meet with professors and discuss the students’ academic progress. Some students may view this as an invasion of privacy; after all, grades should only be shared between instructors and students. But that’s not completely accurate. The Family Educational Rights and Family Act of 1974, often referred to as FERPA, does set limits on the disclosure of grades without the student consent. Students who are 18 and older are considered adults and their grades cannot be disclosed without their permission. However, FERPA provides an exception: In



Phil Schurrer
COLUMNIST

Section 1232g [b][1][h], it provides that, if the student is claimed as a dependent on the parents’ tax return, his or her grades can be disclosed to the parents without the student’s consent. It makes sense. If the parents are providing more than half the support for a dependent [including at least part of college tuition], then they should be able to learn how their college student is faring. Obviously, safeguards must be in place to ensure the people to whom professors are speaking are indeed claiming the student as a dependent. But, on balance, these conversations could promote a deeper mutual understanding between all parties and improve the long-term quality of interaction between professors and students. Professor John J. Miller, director of the Dow Journalism Program at Hillsdale College, experiences this first-hand without many of the restrictions that might

encumber our University. Hillsdale College does not accept any federal aid and is thus freed from the restrictions and bureaucracy that FERPA creates. He acknowledges that FERPA’s mandates can create a chilling effect on any potential parent-student-professor encounter. But he also states that the increased insights he receives from these meetings make him a better professor. He relates that many of his conversations are beneficial and enlightening for all concerned and occasionally result in a job lead or access to a future employer for the student. While ensuring that the University complies with the law and by taking advantage of the exception that FERPA provides regarding students who are dependents, it makes sense to initiate such a program at the University. This would help foster even greater communication between all parties concerned and enable the parents to appreciate the educational enterprise of the University. All in all, everyone wins.

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Racial profiling alive in modern society, judge other individuals based on their character

Ferguson, Missouri has re-emerged in headlines following recent leaks by government officials to the New York Times surrounding previously unreleased details of the incident that resulted in the killing of Michael Brown, 18, who was unarmed. Many are speculating the leaks are a sign of and a precursor to what these officials think the general public will view as “bad news,” which is the lack of any forthcoming charges against officer Darren Wilson. However, what’s more important to note is that these leaks merely serve to cloud the broader societal issues at the crux of American law enforcement in far too many communities. In the United States, citizens are guaranteed a presumption of innocence until proven guilty when accused of a crime. Consider the relevant facts in the Brown case. He was never convicted of “strong-arm robbery” by a jury of his peers. He had no prior criminal history. Brown was reportedly stopped by Wilson for walking in the middle of the street. What followed, according to both forensics and witness accounts, was that an altercation ensued at the police vehicle, where Wilson began to fire and first shot Brown. Brown was then killed by



Jon Stinchcomb
COLUMNIST

Wilson less than three minutes after that initial contact. Brown’s final movements remain in dispute. What is known, based on multiple autopsies, is that Wilson shot Brown at least six times, including twice in the head, but none in the back. Brown’s body fell to the ground 35 feet from the vehicle. Recall why Wilson supposedly felt the need to stop Brown. Then do so again with consideration of the statistics I’m about to discuss. Why is it still acceptable for these authorities to profile citizens based on the color of their skin, as virtually every single statistic on the matter indicates? Even our Justice Department acknowledges this fact. Blacks and Hispanics are almost three times more likely to be searched by police, three to four times as likely to be subject to the use of force or the threat of force and twice as likely to be arrested as the result of a stop. Based on those numbers, our country has fostered an environment where police make it a statistical disadvantage to be born with

darker skin. I’m lucky enough to have lived in communities where these racial tensions were largely not an issue [at least by comparison] and my experiences with the police in those areas have been almost universally positive. Not everyone is that lucky. Ferguson proved to be just the tip of the iceberg. Michael Brown is a name among many that were killed before him and after. In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream of a world where we’d be judged based on the content of our character, not the color of our skin. I’m afraid that dream never came to fruition. Racial profiling is alive and kicking and, worst of all, it’s leading to the systematic oppression of an entire people. This isn’t and never has been a “left” or “right” thing. It’s not a “Democrat” or “Republican” thing. This statistically provable state-enforced racism is bipartisan. Those who don’t learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Well, this self-fulfilling figurative prophecy has been feeding the vicious cycle for over 50 years. It’s time it stopped.

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Volleyball drops 2 matches during weekend



JELENA SUNJIC serves to Kent State in the Falcon's game against the Flashes on Oct. 10. The Falcons won that match in three sets.

By Hampton Crawford
Reporter

The BG volleyball team dropped both of its matches to Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan this past week.

BG lost the first match to the Chippewas 25-23, 25-22, 19-25, 25-18. BG was unable to find the momentum to achieve victory.

Head coach Danijela Tomic said the team prepared well but did not play they way she knows the team could have.

“This was a disappointing loss for us because we did not play to our potential,” Tomic said. “We had a good game plan ... We [just] need contributions from everyone on the court.”

BG scored eight of ten points late to put them ahead

23-20, but Central Michigan scored five straight points to win the first set 25-23.

It was more of the same in the second set, and in the third BG had a switch of gears and took an early lead 12-6 and never looked back, winning 25-19. Central Michigan ended up with the last laugh winning the 4th and final set after being tied at 17 all.

BG finished the game with a .213 team attack percentage. Sophomore Alyssa Maloney finished with 15 kills, two aces, and five blocks, sophomore Madeline Garda had 19 digs and freshman Paige O'Connor added 10 kills.

BG moved on to its next game on Saturday facing off against Eastern Michigan where they lost 25-20, 26-24, 25-18.

BG, like in the first game, had numerous opportunities to win but was unable to do so.

“Our serve receive was a major issue and we could never get into a rhythm because of that,” Tomic said.

Eastern Michigan had eight service aces of the day helping them to win each of the three sets, in addition to long runs in every set.

In the first set the Eagles had a 10-2 run then BG rallied to make it 14 all, but Eastern Michigan rolled along from then on out.

As in the second, BG had it all tied up at 18 apiece but Eastern Michigan took over and as in the third set BG did lead 5-2 but Eastern Michigan had an 8-0 run and finished the game winning three straight sets.

In the game sophomore

Jelena Sunjic had 10 kills and five blocks while Garda had 22 digs and Maloney had seven kills.

For BG, this is one of many matches they could have won but had trouble finding away to get over that hump and end the set on a good note.

“As in many of our matches this year, we had chances to win, but we made unforced errors at crucial times,” Tomic said. “We are not able to take advantage of those opportunities.”

BG now drops to 4-16 overall with a 1-7 record in the Mid-American Conference. Their next game will be this Friday at 7 p.m. against Toledo in the Stroh Center, followed by Ball State on Saturday at 7 p.m. at home.

Club rugby continues 22-year win streak against Western Michigan Falcons score 24 points, hold Broncos scoreless all in second half en route to 36-6 victory

By Scott Sadowski
Reporter

The Bowling Green club rugby team looked refreshed and well-rested coming off a bye week to face Western Michigan on Saturday, a team that has not defeated BG since 1992. After a competitive first half, the Falcons ended up trumping the Broncos 36-6.

Direct Roger Mazzarella said he felt that this game was one of two games to set up the Mid-American Conference finals.

“It should be BG, Western [Michigan], Miami and [University of Dayton] for the finals,” he said. “This should be an interesting game, they [Western Michigan] are

a very up and coming team.”

The crowd was electric before the game began, cheering and yelling as the players left the locker room and stepped onto the field. Defense was stout by both teams to begin the game, making it difficult for either team to score. Frank Viancourt kicked off scoring with a try off of a nice run by captain Alex Garnaut. Garnaut had a great game, scoring a try before the end of the first half. He was named the most valuable player for the match.

Going into halftime with a score of 12-6 in favor of BG, the game looked to be hard-fought throughout its entirety. In the second half, however, the

Falcons’ offense seemed to hit its stride. Steve Fritsch opened the half with a run up the field, juking multiple Bronco defenders and boosting the score to 17-6 BG. After the run and score by Fritsch, the Falcons began to pull away. The Falcons would go on to score three more times to pad their lead while continuing to keep Western Michigan from scoring.

Head coach Tony Mazzarella said he was happy with the results and was looking forward to bigger games down the road.

“Overall it was a good effort,” he said. We need to improve on playing a cleaner game for the MAC [Mid-American Conference] game.”

After the game, Nick

Ross commented on his team’s victory.

“It was a good team victory. They were very good.”

A short comment speaks much truth. The score differential did not reflect the skill level of Western Michigan. BG could be facing Western Michigan once again for the Mid-American Conference championship. If that happens, the Broncos will be playing with a chip on their shoulders.

BG travels to Cincinnati to face the Bearcats next Saturday at 1 p.m. Cincinnati is 2-3 on the year and an upset could hurt BG’s chances at the Mid-American Conference championship.

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